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SUBJECT: COTTON TEXTILES - GHANA

SUMMARY: GHANA REPS EXPRESS APPRECIATION AS USG
SUGGESTS DROPPING TEXTILE RESTRICTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. LED BY DEP PERM REP WILLIAM WILSON GHANA DEL EMPHASIZED
NEED EARN FOREIGN EXCHANGE, INABILITY EVER BECOME LARGE SUPPLIER,
HOPED U.S. WOULD GIVE THEM BILATERAL AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD
PERMIT UNLIMITED FLEXIBILITY WITHIN AGGREGATE OF ABOUT 11 MSYE
INCLUDING APPAREL.

2. U.S. SAID THERE WOULD BE EQUITY PROBLEMS IN GRANTING
BILATERAL TO GHANA WITH AGGREGATE HIGHER THAN OTHER NATIONS
WITH HIGHER SHIPPING HISTORIES. POINTED OUT THAT IMPROVED
DOMESTIC SITUATION HAD PLACED U.S. IN POSITION WHERE IT COULD
BE MORE FLEXIBLE AND GENEROUS THAN AT TIME RESTRAINT IMPOSED.

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3. USDEL PROPOSED, THEREFORE, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING, TO DROP RESTRAINTS, WHICH WOULD NOT NEED BE REIMPOSED IF GHANA WERE PRUDENT IN ITS EXPORTS TO U.S. USDEL URGED THAT SHIPMENTS BE SPREAD OUT OVER AS MANY CATEGORIES AS POSSIBLE AND THAT THERE BE NO PRECIPITOUS INCREASES OR CONCENTRATION IN ANY. POINTED OUT APPAREL MORE SENSITIVE ALTHOUGH U.S. WOULD NOT OBJECT TO EXPORTS OF DASHIKIS AND SIMILAR AFRICAN NON-COMPETITIVE GARMENTS.

4. IF GHANA SHIPPED OTHER APPAREL, IF U.S. MARKET CHANGED OR IF GHANA WERE NOT SUFFICIENTLY DISCREET IN ITS EXPORTS, USDEL MADE IT CLEAR WE MIGHT WISH TO DISCUSS SITUATION AGAIN WITH GHANA AND WOULD EXPECT GHANA TO ACT AS SYMPATHETICALLY TO U.S. PROBLEM AS U.S. NOW ACTING TO GHANA'S.

5. GHANA DEL THANKED U.S. FOR ITS POSITIVE APPROACH. GOG SAID HALF GHANA'S EXPORTS NOW GOING TO AFRICA AND CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH EEC SHOULD ASSURE THAT EXPORTS WOULD NOT BE CONCENTRATED IN U.S. MARKET.

6. USDEL SAID WE WOULD INSTRUCT U.S. CUSTOMS ASAP TO DROP CURRENT RESTRAINTS. BASSIN

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